NGOs in health sector

1569. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the details of NGOs registered in the health sector during the period 2000-2003, till 30th June;

(b) whether any funds were provided by Government to any of these organizations during the above period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any system to monitor functioning of these NGOs;

(d) whether these NGOs regularly submit their accounts and work reports to the Department concerned;

(e) whether any malpractice has been noticed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Incentives to doctors by drug companies

1570. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the drug companies offer incentives to doctors; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Medical Council of India in its regulations *viz.* the Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 have prescribed that:

A Physician shall not give, solicit, or receive nor shall he offer to give solicit or receive, any gift, gratuity, commission or bonus

in consideration of or return for the referring, recommending or procuring of any patient for medical, surgical or other treatment. A physician shall not directly or indirectly, participate in or be a party to act of division, transference, assignment, subordination, rebating, splitting or refunding of any fee for medical, surgical or other treatment. If specific complaints are brought up before the Council the same will be referred to the State Medical Council concerned with which the doctor is registered or in case of those directly registered with the Medical Council of India, action will be taken by the Ethical Committee of the Council after necessary inquiries.

Typhoid and Rabies vaccine

1571. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outdated vaccines for typhoid and rabies are being sold in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production of cell killed typhoid vaccine was stopped by Government but it is still continuing in CRI, Kasauli and Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation, Mumbai; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only Ty.21a Typhoid Vaccine and Polysaccharide Typhoid vaccine for typhoid are being sold in the country, whereas, two types of vaccines, namely Neural Tissue Vaccine (NTV) and Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) to prevent rabies are being sold in the country. In view of WHOs recommendations to prefer the use of TCARV, a decision has been taken to phase out NTV gradually.

(c) and (d) It is a fact that the production of whole cell killed typhoid vaccine was stopped by the Government in 1996. However, due to the pressing demand of this cost effective typhoid vaccine for the Army troops and their families, it was decided in 2002 for limited production of Acetone killed typhoid vaccine at CRI, Kasauli